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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION-WORLD CONFERENCE ON COMBATING
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (1978)

1. SYG HAS JUST ISSUED REPORT (E/5763) ON SUBJECT FOR
CONSIDERATION AT CURRENT ECOSOC SESSION IN RESPONSE TO
UNGA RES 3378 (XXX). PARA 15 OF REPORT QUOTES RECENT
COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WHEREBY LATTER IS
QTE CONTRAINED TO REQUEST UN TO DEFRA Y HALF OF EXPENDITURE
INVOLVED IN HOLDING CONFERENCE OUTSIDE UN HEQDQUARTERS.
UNQTE DEPT WILL RECALL THAT PARA 10 OF UNGA RES 2609
(XXIV) PROVIDES FOR UN BODIES TO MEET AWAY FROM THEIR
ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS SO LONG AS THE HOST GOVERNMENT
QTE HAS AGREED TO DEFRA Y..ACTUAL ADDITIONAL COSTS DIRECTLY
OR INDIRECTLY UNQTE TO BE INCURRED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.
SYG ESTIMATES TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS OF HOLDING SUBJECT
CONFERENCE IN ACCRA TO BE USD645,000 WHILE ADMITTING THAT
THIS FIGURE PROBABLY ON LOW SIDE.

2. IN PARA 17 OF HIS REPORT, SYG POINTS OUT THAT IF ECOSOC
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RECOMMENDS TO UNGA THAT QTE FOR FIRST TIME IT MAKE AN

EXCEPTION TO PROVISIONS OF UNGA RES 2609 (XXIV) AND ACCEPT
OFFER OF GOV, THERE WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL
IMPLICATION TO UN UNQTE BASED ON ABOVE ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL
COSTS, SYG CONCLUDES THAT AMOUNT BETWEEN \$230,000-\$322,500
QTE WOULD NEED TO BE BORNE BY REGULAR BUDGET UNQTE OF UN
FOR 1978-79 BIENNium.

3. COMMENT: WHEREAS SYG'S COST ESTIMATES APPEAR TO BE
UNDERSTATED, CRUCIAL ISSUE WHICH SYG RECOGNIZES IS A
POSSIBLE DEPARTURE FROM PROVISIONS OF UNGA RES 2609.
IMPLICATIONS TO UN AND USG, IF ECOSOC AND THEN UNGA AGREE
TO GHANA'S REQUEST, IN FUTURE GO WELL BEYOND SUBJECT
CONFERENCE (IN WHICH USG NOT PARTICIPATING) AND ARE LIKELY
TO BE SIGNIFICANT--WE WOULD BE ASSESSED ONE-QUARTER OF
ADDITIONAL COSTS OF INCREASING NUMBER OF UN MEETINGS
AROUND THE GLOBE, TO SAY NOTHING OF SERIOUS NEGATIVE
IMPLICATIONS FOR UN ITSELF AS IT INCREASINGLY QTE GOES ON
THE ROAD. UNQTE WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT SERIOUS EFFORT
NEEDS TO BE MADE TO HEAD OFF GHANAIAAN REQUEST IN ORDER
TO MAINTAIN EXISTING RULES REGARDING HOSTING OF UN
MEETINGS.

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